



Artists in Schools and Communities

FY15 List of Grants Awarded

Arts Learning Partners Grants

Arts Learning Partners are select Montana arts organizations that have a proven record of providing high-quality arts learning experiences to participants both regionally and across the state of Montana. To become an Arts Learning Partner, an arts organization must have received Artist in Schools and Communities funding for three years in a row with positive feedback from participants and sponsors and clear indicators of success based on stated goals for arts learning.

A VOICE, Pablo	Our Community Record at Two Eagle River School with David Spear	\$7500
	<i>Native American high school students on the Flathead Reservation learn the art of photography while exploring their community, culture and history. Over 600 students have photographed family and community and have shared their work through community exhibitions over the 10-year span of the project.</i>	
Art Mobile of Montana	Statewide tour with artist Whitney Polich	\$10,000
	<i>The only program of its kind in Montana, this statewide service offers interactive presentations of our curated exhibits, quality hands-on art lessons, and teacher education. Art Mobile educates through art about the diversity of the human experience, culture, practices, customs, and history. Art Mobile's touring exhibit showcases the work of Montana artists.</i>	
CoMotion Dance	Western Montana Classroom Dance Residencies	\$10,000
	<i>Dance teaching artists partner with K-12 classroom teachers to build classroom residencies where dance is used to reinforce learning in other subject areas, such as math and science. Students learn dance concepts while studying the layers of the rain forest, or learning place value. Students learn to create, perform, recognize, describe and demonstrate what they are learning through dance.</i>	

- Montana Shakespeare in the Parks** Statewide tour of Montana Shakespeare in the Schools 2014 \$10,000
Now in its 22nd year, Montana Shakespeare in the Schools' 2014 arts learning project is a tour of an 80-minute production of A Midsummer Night's Dream along with related theatrical workshops led by ensemble members in the classroom for 49 middle and high schools across Montana.
- Rosten Foundation, Ravalli County** MAPS Media Institute \$10,000
MAPS offers courses in Filmmaking, Design, Music and Technology to students from four high schools in Ravalli County through a twice per week afterschool program. During courses, students complete a variety of mini-projects, practice work, problem solving activities, fee-based and pro-bono assignments in media arts, led by instructors who are professionals in the field.
- VSA Montana, Fergus County and surrounding** Visual art residencies with Carol Poppenga \$10,000
K-8 students in Central Montana rural schools and adults from Snowy Mountain Industries and the Central Montana Mental Health Center will participate in monthly workshops, each dedicated to exploring an art medium that will allow them to develop skills and technique. All activities will be adapted for various age groups and abilities.
- Waterworks Art Museum, Custer County and surrounding** WaterWorks Art Outreach Program \$10,000
The Art Education Outreach program offers art education to the schools and community groups in 10 eastern Montana counties with a focus on the rural schools to provide instruction that they do not have available. WaterWorks serves schools as far as 180 miles away from the museum.

Arts Learning Experiences and Artist Residencies

- Arlee School District, Arlee** Our Places, Our Voices, Our Stories with Clay Scott \$1794
High schools students will strengthen their interviewing, listening and storytelling skills as they gather and record oral histories for a podcast.
- Cayuse Prairie School, Kalispell** Visual Artist in Residence with Jan Lord \$1500
Students will be introduced to the works of major visual artists as they study the composition and design techniques of each.
- Copper Village Arts Center and Museum, Anaconda** Summer Theatre Camp with Suzanne Konicek \$1000
Students in grades 3rd-8th will be introduced to the basics of musical theatre performance as they rehearse and perform a short musical theatre production.

Great Falls Symphony	Havre Strings Program with Melanie Pozdol	\$1999
<i>A Great Falls Symphony musician will travel to the Havre area to provide strings instruction to students of all ages. Students will develop proficiency on their instruments and take part in performance opportunities in the community.</i>		
Helena Presents/Myrna Loy Center	Exploring dance and Puppetry with Rosey Simas and Sandglass Theatre	\$1800
<i>Native American dancer and choreographer Rosey Simas and nationally-known puppetry artists from Sandglass Theatre will present workshops to Helena students of a variety of ages while in residence at the Myrna Loy Center.</i>		
Hot Springs Artist Society	Summer Circus Arts Camps 2014 with various artists	\$1800
<i>A summer circus arts camp with professional artists from the New Old Time Chautauqua. Classes for children during the day and an evening workshop for the entire community in the evening culminates in a parade and pageant on the final day.</i>		
LA Muldown Elementary, Kalispell	Dance and Literacy Integration with Leslie Yancey	\$ 700
<i>Kindergarten students will explore creative movement concepts that also help them actively learn their alphabet and vocabulary, as well as team work, self-esteem and collaboration skills.</i>		
Lewistown K-8 PTO	Animals in Myth and Legend with Cheryl Bannes	\$3975
<i>A series of art workshops based on animal stories from many cultures. Students will explore a variety of art styles while also exploring literary arts and multicultural learning opportunities.</i>		
Missoula Writing Collaborative	Middle School Creative Writing Residency with Chris Dombrowski	\$4000
<i>A six-month creative writing residency that will culminate with a published anthology of student work and a public reading for all 7th grade students at C. S. Porter Middle School.</i>		
Montana Repertory Theatre	Theatre in Schools Outreach Tour	\$6740
<i>A statewide tour of Once Upon a Time in Ancient Greece, followed up by theatre workshops in the classroom for middle and high school students.</i>		
Northwest Montana United Way	Good Grief Camp with the Drum Brothers	\$ 800
<i>Learning to drum becomes a healing experience for children ages 6-12 who have lost loved ones, celebrating their lives through music.</i>		
Parents of Irving Children, Bozeman	Artist in Residence with Chelsea Smith	\$3125
<i>The artist will engage elementary students in a series of culturally rich visual arts activities, spanning a variety of different cultures.</i>		

Ponderosa Elementary, Billings	Winter Counts at Ponderosa with Monte Yellow Bird	\$1250
<i>Students will learn about the Plains Indian tribes and how they used pictographs to tell stories. Student will interview parents and family members to find out about their own heritage and draw important events on their own canvas hide.</i>		
Sunburst Foundation, Libby and Eureka	Songwriting Residency with Jonathan Kingham	\$1000
<i>The singer/songwriter will spend a week at Libby and Eureka High Schools teaching songwriting workshops, culminating in a community concert with Kingham and the young songwriters.</i>		
Swan River School District #4, Bigfork	Artist Residency with Jan Lord	\$3000
<i>This project will provide an artist in residence to teach weekly visual art classes to all K-5 students in the school. The focus will be on building skills in drawing and painting.</i>		
The Flagship Program, Missoula	The Photovoice Experience with Brian Christiansen	\$1313
<i>A summer program aiming to empower youth in the community to share their educational experience through the art of photography. The project ends with a showcase of the students' work.</i>		
Warren Miller Performing Arts Center, Big Sky	The Sojourn Theatre	\$2400
<i>The Sojourn Theatre from Portland, OR will stage performances of their interactive project "How to End Poverty in 90 Minutes" and host drama-based workshop classes with students in social studies classes at Lone Peak High School on issues surrounding poverty.</i>		
YWCA of Missoula	YWCA GUTS! Community Adventures with Turning the Wheel	\$1500
<i>Artists from Turning the Wheel will offer weekly dance and theatre instruction exploring themes of girl empowerment and self-esteem to local middle and high school girls from eight area schools.</i>		

Special Projects

Alberta Bair Theatre, Billings	Dinosaurs of the Great Inland Sea with Dr. Jack Horner	\$2411
<i>Following a three-part lecture by world-renowned dinosaur expert Dr. Horner, K-12 teachers will receive support to facilitate an arts learning project in their classroom where students express their knowledge about dinosaurs using the visual and media arts.</i>		

Total Granted \$108,033